

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of the April Community Improvement Award

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2000

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor present Charles Easterling with the Community

Improvement Award for April 2000, to recognize the improvements that he

has made to the property located at 1 N. Sacramento Street.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In early 1998, a fire vacated the Pine Hotel which occupied the

upper floor of this property located on the Northwest corner of Pine and Sacramento Streets. That fire caused substantial structural damage to the upper floor occupancy and smoke and water damage

to the first floor storefronts, several of which ended up closing permanently.

The property owner at the time, did some internal repairs to the building and eventually sold the property to Mr. Easterling. Since that time, Mr. Easterling has done a substantial amount of exterior façade improvements; polishing the marble panels along the bottom of the storefront windows and installing awnings just to name a few. Although the upper floor occupancy remains vacant, Mr. Easterling has done a great job of filling the first floor storefronts with new tenants.

For his efforts in carrying on the revitalization of a downtown property, the Eastside Improvement Committee felt that he was deserving of the Community Improvement Award.

FUNDING: None

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